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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

This examiner's amendment is supplemental to the Notice of Allowance of 1/11/05.

Applicants' representative, authorized the following amendments by telephone on 4/6/05.

Specification, page 1,

Line 10 of the page, cancel "(pending)" and insert -- , now U.S. Patent no. 6,267,957, which claims benefit of provisional application no. 60/071,908, filed January 20, 1998 --.

The drawing Figure 1 filed 7/21/00 is accepted.

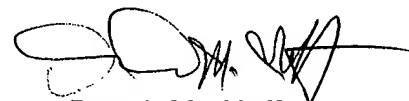
Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to provisional application 60/071,908 since a specific reference is included in the first paragraph of the specification.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 to parent applications 09/359,920 and 09/234,358 since a specific reference is included in the first paragraph of the specification.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David M. Naff whose telephone number is 571-272-0920. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mike Wityshyn can be reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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